

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A networked font rendering system associated with a web server comprising:

means adapted for acquiring vector data representative of a vector based font;

rendering means adapted for rendering at least a portion of the vector based font to generate font images corresponding thereto;

font storage means adapted for storing the font images on a networked memory;

means adapted for receiving a font request from a web browser via at least one networked workstation;

testing means adapted for testing for a presence of a rendered font in the font storage means in accordance with the received font request;

means adapted for commencing operation of the rendering means upon a determination by the testing means that no font image corresponding to the font request is present in the font storage means;

means adapted for adding rendered font data from the rendering means to the networked memory; and

communication means adapted for selectively communicating the font images from the font storage means to the at least one networked workstation to generate document print data in accordance with a request from the at least one networked workstation so as to generate an image on a display of the at least one networked workstation including a rendering from the font images.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The networked font rendering system of claim 1 wherein the communication means includes means adapted for communicating the font images to an associated printing device.

4. (Currently Amended) The networked font rendering system of claim 1 wherein the means adapted for receiving [[a]]the font request from the at least one networked workstation includes:

means adapted for prompting an associated user for selection data to select a font;

means adapted for receiving user selection data resultant from [[a]]the prompt of [[a]]the user for [[a]]the font; and

means adapted for requesting the font in accordance with the user selection data.

5. (Currently Amended) The networked font rendering system of claim 4 wherein the means adapted for prompting [[an]]the associated user for selection data to select [[a]]the font includes means adapted for displaying selected information about each font which is available for selection.

6. (Original) The networked font rendering system of claim 5 wherein the means adapted for displaying selected information about each font includes at least one of font type, font size, and font style for each font.

7. (Original) The networked font rendering system of claim 5 wherein the selection data includes at least one of font type, font size, font style, tab information, location of font within document, and font format.

8. (Currently Amended) The networked font rendering system of claim 1 further comprising updating means adapted for updating font storage means for selected font information received in [[a]]the font request from the at least one networked workstation.

9. (Original) The networked font rendering system of claim 8 further comprising means adapted for deleting selected font information from the font storage means upon at least one of a predetermined time interval in which the font has not been requested and a request received from an associated user.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for rendering fonts in a networked system associated with a web server comprising the steps of:

acquiring vector data representative of a vector based font;

rendering at least a portion of the vector based font to generate font images corresponding thereto;

storing the font images on a networked memory;

receiving a font request from a web browser via at least one networked workstation;

testing for a presence of a rendered font in the memory in accordance with the received font request;

commencing operation of the rendering upon a determination by the testing step that no font image corresponding to the font request is present in the memory;

adding rendered font data from the rendering to the networked memory; and

selectively communicating the font images from the memory to the at least one networked workstation to generate document print data in accordance with a request from the at least one networked workstation so as to generate an image on a display of the at least one networked workstation including a rendering from the font images.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The method for rendering fonts of claim 10 further comprising the step of communicating the font images to an associated printing device.

13. (Currently Amended) The method for rendering fonts of claim 10 wherein the step of receiving [[a]]the font request from the at least one networked workstation includes:

prompting an associated user for selection data to select a font;
receiving user selection data resultant from [[a]]the prompt of [[a]]the user for [[a]]the font; and
requesting the font in accordance with the user selection data.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for rendering fonts of claim 13 wherein step of prompting [[an]]the associated user for selection data to select [[a]]the font includes displaying selected information about each font which is available for selection.

15. (Original) The method for rendering fonts of claim 14 wherein the selected information displayed about each font includes at least one of font type, font size, and font style.

16. (Original) The method of rendering fonts of claim 13 wherein the selection data includes at least one of font type, font size, font style, tab information, location of font within document, and font format.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of rendering fonts of claim 10 further comprising the step of updating font storage means for selected font information received in [[a]]the font request from the at least one networked workstation.

18. (Original) The method of rendering fonts of claim 17 further comprising the steps of deleting selected font information from the font storage means upon at least one of a predetermined time interval in which the font has not been requested and a request received from an associated user.

Claims 19-32 (Cancelled)